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Parents to See Class in Action

North High School will participate in American Education Week with its first Open House to be held tomorrow evening, at 7:30. This program will afford the initial opportunity for all parents to become acquainted with the campus, facilities, and objectives of the new school.



NEW KIWANIS HEAD . . . Joe Doss is the new president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, it was announced last week. He succeeds Dr. Gerald Eastham. He will be installed at the first 1956 meeting.

Pair, 12, Held For Halloween Night Mischief

Two 12-year-old Lomita boys were picked up Friday by sheriff's deputies in connection with a series of Halloween night fires and burglaries throughout the Lomita area.

The boys admitted setting fires at the Central Market, Hall's Variety Store, and the Narbonne Market; vandalism at Lomita and 259th Pl. Schools; and burglary at Kastrup's Barber Shop, deputies said.

Deputies said the boys could give no reason for the offenses. Both had been in trouble before, and both are now being held in Juvenile Hall, pending final action by the Juvenile Court.

Fire damage at the Central Market and Hall's Variety Store totaled more than \$7500, while the Narbonne Market suffered little damage. At the 259th Pl. School, the basement was flooded, ink splattered on walls, and fires set in wastebaskets. At Lomita School, a record album was taken, while at the barber shop, some razors and a Japanese sword was stolen.

Members of the orchestra, conducted by Martin Baum, and the choir, under the direction of George Zavislan, will participate in the opening ceremonies, highlighted by introductory remarks of Principal Dale M. Harter and members of the Student Council.

The plan for the Open House is an interesting one. Parents will receive an invitation from the school containing a list of the classes and rooms of each child. The parent will then follow a regular school day consisting of six 10-minute periods. They will then be able to meet the instructors, learning of the methods used and subject matter covered to meet the needs of the students.

Many special activities have been scheduled. The physical education classes will present exhibitions of square and ball-room dancing. The science department has planned some typical classroom experiments and the speech department will present the opportunity of hearing the four winners in the "Voice of Democracy" contest.

At most of the schools, parent-teacher conference also will be in progress, and some plan special programs.

Vice Principal Carl Ahee, chairman of the Open House committee, invites all parents and patrons interested in touring the new \$2,225,000 plant to attend this Open House.

Hearing Set On Changes In Streets

A public hearing on changes in the master plans for roads in South Torrance and Palos Verdes will be held at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow before the County Regional Planning Commission.

The changes will be made to conform with the residential building program now underway in the hills, officials said.

Added to the master plan as major arterials would be Hawthorne Ave., from Newton St. in South Torrance to Palos Verdes Dr. West near Pt. Vicente; and Crest Rd. between Crenshaw Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave. The additions would conform with a plan put forth by the developers to extend Hawthorne Ave., through the hills to provide another north-south artery.

Westview Dr. between Granvia Altamira and Hawthorne Ave., and Hillcrest Dr. between Crenshaw Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave., would become secondary highways in the plan.



QUEEN HOPEFULS . . . The field of candidates for Homecoming Queen at Torrance High School narrowed to five this week. Still in contention for the right to reign over next Thursday's game are (front) Bev Oaks, Marleen Svensson, (rear) Audrey Stevens, Vicki Hagau, and Sue de Nevers.

Telephone Co. Addition Gets OK of Commission

The General Telephone Co.'s proposal for a one-story addition to its facilities at 650 Palos Verdes Blvd. got a green light from the Torrance Planning Commission, Wednesday night, after a prolonged discussion among neighbors, representatives of the firm, and Planners. The vote was 8 to 1, with Commissioner Thurvin Fleetwood dissenting.

A similar proposal was recommended by the Planning Commission earlier this year, but was turned down by the City Council by a 3-2 vote.

The proposal calls for a one-story addition to facilities of the General Telephone Co. building. The present building is 3000 square feet, but the addition would eventually be about 20,000 square feet.

Need Urgent!
A. M. Hart, company representative, termed the need for the addition "urgent," declaring that the present building services some 9000 phones. Within 10 to 15 years, he said, some 20,000 subscribers would be in the area, with a 12,000 square foot building needed. By 1975, he envisioned 35,000 telephones, requiring a 19,000 square foot structure.

James Morrison, of 633 Paseo de los Reyes, presented a petition with 46 names objecting to the building. Morrison asked for a meeting with phone representatives to try to work out a compromise.

He suggested some changes in the arrangement of the addition, and asked that part of the structure be put underground.

Objections to the addition, Morrison said, were on five grounds—depreciation of surrounding property, loss of scenic view, the change from residential to commercial area, a safety problem, and the possible addition of a second story later.

Letters Received
A letter of approval for the addition was read from Forest B. Yoder, president of the Riviera Village Assn. Letters opposing the structure including one from Victor B. Robertson, chairman of the planning and Parks Commission of Palos Verdes. The property is on the Torrance-Palos Verdes Estates boundary line.

Steering Committee Asks That City Get New Courts

Establishment of a new court district to be known as the Torrance Judicial District is being recommended to the City Council this week following a decision on the matter Friday night by the city's Court Steering Committee.

Committee Chairman Boris Woolley, who called the Friday night meeting to consider the July 8, 1955, county report on the present operation of the South Bay Judicial

Court District, proposed that the committee recommend a splitting of the district with the establishment of a new court in Torrance as a separate facility from the present court on the ocean front at the Redondo-Hermosa city line.

No boundaries of the proposed new district were discussed, although it is probable that such a division of the district would include Torrance and adjacent county areas.

Attending Friday's meeting in addition to Chairman Woolley were Henry Creeger, Al Muir, Bob Burke, and Councilman Nick Drale, all members of the committee. Also attending were Councilman Willys G. Blum and Judge John A. Shidler, presiding judge of the present South Bay Judicial District.

Seek Superior Court
Also discussed at the meeting was the establishment of a superior court here. The committee agreed informally to ask the Council to press that issue.

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One Recommendation
The committee's recommendation read:

"That a new Municipal Court Judicial District be created by the Board of Supervisors for the City of Torrance. That a new Municipal Court building be constructed by the county on a site donated by the City of Torrance in the new Torrance Civic Center."

No other recommendation was made. The 18-page report from the county contains charts and maps showing the present district, location of geographic and population centers and the origin of the court's cases. The report was labeled "unfair" to the Torrance report by members of the committee.

Advantages Listed
Several advantages in moving the entire court system to Torrance were cited by the county's report, however:

"A large population increase is expected in the south of the district that will result in the center of population moving closer to the geographic cen-

ter of the district and closer to the new civic center site at Torrance.

"There is a likelihood that in the near future additional highways and streets within the district, to meet the needs of increasing population, will improve to a greater extent the public accessibility to a centrally located Torrance civic center, as compared with the site at Redondo Beach on the periphery of the district."

Expansion Possible
"Assuming that sufficient space (approximately an acre of land and additional space for 200 cars) is being set aside for a municipal court building at the Torrance civic center, an opportunity is provided to re-establish the municipal court on a building site which can readily meet the future expansion requirements."

"By establishing a municipal court at the new Torrance site and near the geographic center of the judicial district, there is less likelihood that in the future the district will be split into two districts, resulting in more costly court operations."

Several members of the committee expressed the belief that the above findings advanced by the county were very strong arguments for moving the entire court center to Torrance.

In a live-and-let-live attitude, however, they voted to demand a new district, leaving the present court establishment there to handle the beach cities.

The council will receive the recommendations tomorrow night.



BORIS S. WOOLLEY . . . Asks for New Court

Murphy New Chairman of Shoestringers

Thomas Murphy was officially installed as chairman of the Shoestring Councilmatic Advisory Board by Councilman John S. Gibson, Jr., last week.

Other new officers are Mrs. Frank Nelson vice chairman; Mrs. F. C. Beech, secretary; and Mrs. Billie Robertson, treasurer.

After explaining their duties to the new officers, Harold Under, retiring chairman, was given a merit of appreciation for his work during his two terms of office.

Sewer Plans Approved by Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors last week ordered the County Engineer to proceed with a sewer construction project in the Torrance area after approving plans.

Bids will be opened Nov. 29. The section involved is along Figueroa St., between 211th and 214th Sts. The work will cost an estimated \$10,150.

In another action the board awarded a contract for the improvement of 220th St. in Torrance to Nick J. Leko & Son on a low bid of \$3856.25. Seven other contractors submitted figures.

As outlined by the committee, the bowl will consist of an amphitheater for cultural entertainment of all types, an art museum, a historical museum, exhibit areas, a picnic area, and a parking lot for thousands of cars.

"The land we are seeking is the last piece of property in this area suited to such a purpose," Miss Aehle said. "There is a great need to act at once."

Groups and persons from Long Beach to Santa Monica—within a 15-mile radius—are backing the project, and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has voted its approval.

Longren Aircraft to Build New Plant on Airport Site

Plans to construct a new 52,000 square foot manufacturing plant on the airport adjacent to the new Nike site have been announced by Hampden Wentworth, president of Longren Aircraft Co. The new ultra-modern airport plant will be in addition to their present plant at Carson and Date.

The company hopes to break ground this month, Wentworth reported Saturday. Construction is slated to begin when the city completes a check of final plans and issues the building permit.

When the Nike site was first considered several months ago, he pointed out, it appeared that Longren might not be able to go ahead with the building program at the airport because of the large area needed by the government for the vital defense installation. Longren was asked to relinquish only about two acres of its original 10-acre lease, however.

The area remaining will permit the fulfillment of original plans which included ample off-street parking facilities, Wentworth said.

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400 Dogs Get Rabies Shots Wednesday

More than 400 dogs of all shapes, sizes, and colors got rabies shots at the special clinic sponsored by the South Bay Veterinary Assn. last Wednesday, at Torrance Park.

Officials reported that all went peacefully, without dog fights or other disturbances.

Shots for dogs in south Torrance will be given this Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at El Retiro Park, with local veterinarians giving the shots for \$2. All dogs must be on leashes.

North Torrance canines will get their shots the following week, with the place as yet undetermined. Unless there is considerable demand for more clinics, this will complete the series of shots.

Under terms of a recent City Council ordinance, all dogs must be vaccinated against rabies. Veterinarians also report a large number of dogs being brought to their offices for the shots.

Three Orchestras, Opera Star Will Appear at Bowl Festival

Three orchestras, under the baton of John Barnett, assistant conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and Dorothy Ledwith, well-known opera star, will be among the performers at the Pacific Bowl Festival Nov. 19, according to Elyse Aehle, president of the Pacific Bowl Assn.

The free concert, sponsored by the Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Music Commission, will be held in Torrance High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19. It will open the drive to raise funds for the Pacific Bowl, to be located near West-

ern Ave. and Palos Verdes Dr. North.

Members chosen from the South Bay Civic Symphony, the Compton Symphony, and the Vine St. Music Workshop of Los Angeles, will appear under Barnett's direction. The Long Beach Symphony also may appear, Miss Aehle said.

Concertmaster will be Toshi Seidel, concert violinist. Ralph Matesky, conductor of the Compton Symphony will conduct one of the numbers.

A short history of the Pacific Bowl and proposed plans for the future will be given by Rosemary DeCamp Shidler, Mrs. Leland Atherton Irish, and Samuel E. Lundin. They are members of a group of more than 1000 persons who are working for the bowl.

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